

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Maintaining a strong, free press was important enough to the Founders of America that they enshired the right to a free press in the Constitution. It should be important enough to us to ensure that we don't weaken our strong, free press because of corporate profit greed (or the politics associated with it).

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Thank you.